TABLE 5 UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO: U.S. MONTHLY IMPORTS CALENDAR YEARS 1996, 1997, AND 1998 (METRIC TONS)

Month	Consumption			General		
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998
January	24,563	40,257	29,937	31,500	26,710	21,331
February	16,090	23,604	22,463	21,966	26,916	18,806
March	15,064	16,386	14,965	21,031	21,888	18,225
April	24,256	22,314	19,381	28,802	30,139	30,121
May	22,738	24,696	12,583	31,755	37,152	23,277
June	20,314	18,693	10,551	24,444	29,392	25,362
July	17,508	27,696	25,320	25,625	38,013	23,308
August	28,481	28,955	23,132	35,428	28,636	21,337
September	30,670	32,190	22,730	29,201	25,619	22,409
October	65,411	20,361	18,226	34,282	14,454	16,357
November	13,639	13,561	6,909	18,900	9,911	14,744
December	23,652	25,516		23,519	18,009	
SUB-TOTAL	278,734	268,713	206,197	302,934	288,830	235,277
YEAR TOTAL	302,386	294,229	206,197	326,453	306,839	235,277

NOTE: DUE TO DATA AGGREGATION, ROUNDING ERRORS MAY OCCUR.

SOURCE: COMPILED FROM BUREAU OF CENSUS RECORDS.

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